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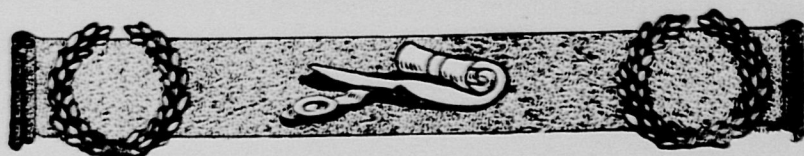
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“Tender-handed strike a nettle,
And it stings you for your pains;
Grip it like a man of mettle,
And it soft as silk remains.
’Tis the same with common natures:
Use them kindly they rebel;
But be rough as nutmeg-graters
And the roughties obey you well.”

“It is not all the same to me, *eternal* leader that I am; for whom all the geniuses of mankind have attempted to cast a chain; for whom humanity and time have conspired to mould a vandal god in the image of impossibility, and of the same cold metal of which time itself is cast. Will my march in any way be retarded, or my coming victory stopped at this new epoch? Is this a new *auto de fe* or a grand procession?”

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Nor e'er did fortune frown on him who did."

"You are awaiting," those dead lips spoke, "the beginning of the new epoch—a new, hopeful, prophetic beginning of a noble purpose."

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Illumine; what is low, raise and support."

So I thought I heard Cronus whisper with his marble-like regularity. And that whisper did not at all appear as coming from an old mechanism; did not ring metallic-like. On the contrary, it came clear and distinct, reminding one of the slow falling of rain-drops,—the falling of seconds and minutes in the timeless world of eternity.

And time neared the midnight hour. I began to feel a change—a load seemingly relieved me; I breathed more freely and hope dawned on me,—Hope in all its radiance and assurance.

"What's this? For joy our hearts stand still,
And life is loved and dear.
The lost and found the cause has crowned
The Day of Days is here."

The clock struck the twelfth hour. Evenly, slowly, each stroke followed the other until the last one died out. And then there awoke a something in me, as I sat in my lonely and solitary room. Whether it was an apparition or dream it was unexpected, strange, marvelous and really wonderful.

As if by some celestial magic or enchantment there appeared before me beings of another world;—a world so fair and beautiful and grand. And in that world I saw the perfected humanity of a fit pototype. I saw there nymphs and graces, chariots and sibyls, satyrs and dryads, and all seemingly con-

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Touch us gently, Time!
 Let us glide adown thy stream
 Gently,—as we sometimes glide
 Through a quiet dream!

Touch us gently, Time!
 We've not proud nor soaring wings:
Our ambition, *our* content
 Lies in simple things.

Humble voyagers are we,
 O'er life's dim unsounded sea.
 Seeking only some calm clime:—
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So that wonderful unforgettable choir sang: and—Oh, wonders! Cronus, the old bitter Cronus, was transfixed. With eyes full of sympathy and love he leaned close to me and sealed our friendship with a kiss on my brow. Thus progress won again over time when Cronus whispered:

"Work and hope;
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You do not want to make a one sided man out of yourself?

Then you must act.

And join one of the two Literary Societies that this Institution maintains. Both the Wirt and Websterian are par excellence.

Act, my friend, and pass the cigars.

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Uncle Zeke Relates A Story.

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Jack Reid wuz a ordinary boy
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He went to one of these A. & M. schools,
Whose business is trainin' of boys,
He didn't have no money to blow in
And of course didn't make much noise,
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He went four year and got 'is degree,
But the time and money it cost!
They said he spent a sight—for coal and oil,
Looked like the whole thing wuz lost,
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But the thing I wuz erbout to tell,
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And soon as Jack got to callin' round
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Capt. McClure will hold down his old place at quarter; there won't be many much better. For the other backfield positions there will probably be Reynolds, McCoy, Sparkman, Harris, Penton, Swart, Hardage and Davis. For the line positions, competition may be somewhat keener. Davis and Locke are expected back to fill one tackle and one guard position. If Esslinger is not shifted to end, he will very likely be the other tackle. If he is shifted there will be very likely Motley, Everett, Wynne, Bonner, Coggdell, Caton, Lamb, Allen, Dumas, Taylor, from which to fill the rest of the line positions. Batson's playing at center will be badly missed.



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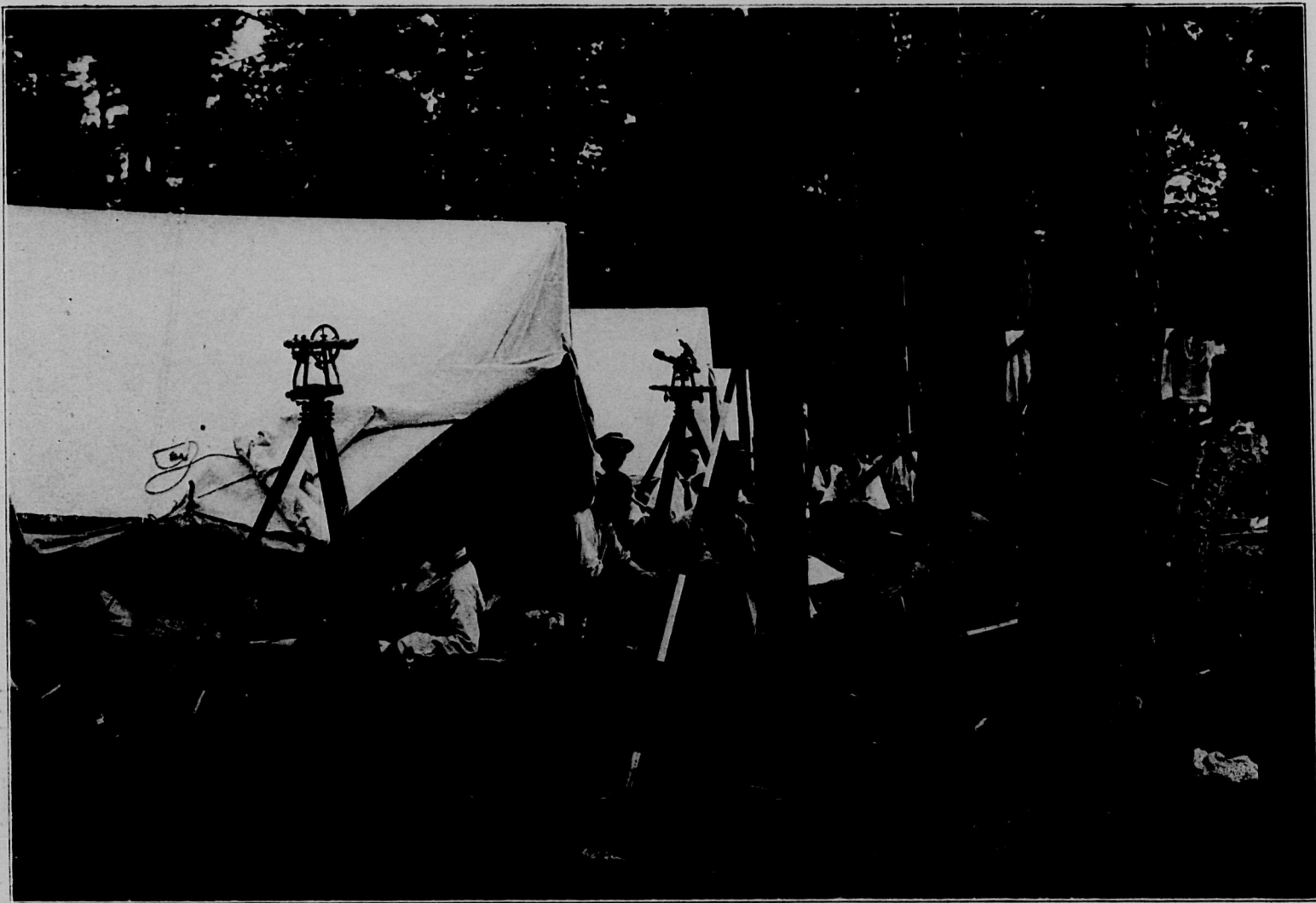
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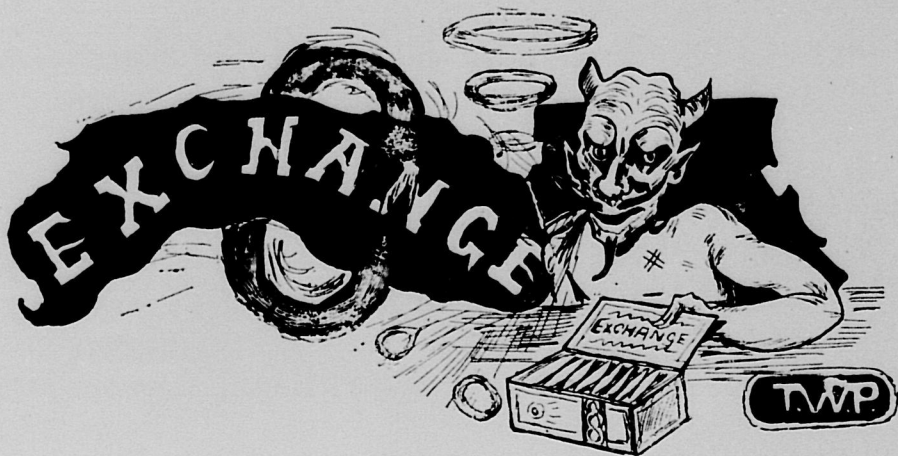
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Like the fig leaf worn in Eden;
And she said unto her handmaid:
"Go, my dear, and bring a snake skin,
Cut a hole to poke my head through.
Slit the other end six inches.
That I trip along the highway,
Without the aid of cane or crutches—

I see no reason why you should not.

Well, you see I am riding backwards and I didn't know whether or not it made a difference.

WILL HE NEVER LEARN?

Prof. Rutland (asking the usual question at matriculation)—
Have you any fire-arms, Mr. Penton?

Penton.—Yes, sir! No. 32, Smith and Wesson, latest improved. It's a dandy, too.

Prof. Rutland.—Well you just bring it to us; we'll take care of it until school is over.

OBLIGING YOUNG MAN.

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"What will it cost me to belong to this club?" says someone.

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Now, ye men with literary aspirations, if this offer doesn't appeal to you, examine yourselves and see whether it is chronic dyspepsia or mental torpidity that has hold of you. Something must be wrong somewhere.

We will say for the benefit of new men who may feel inclined to join the club, that a better man could not be selected as leader than Prof. Rutland. An A. B. degree from Harvard, several summer courses in literature at the University of Chicago, an almost incredible amount of reading and considerable experience in writing, unquestionably qualifies him for the place.

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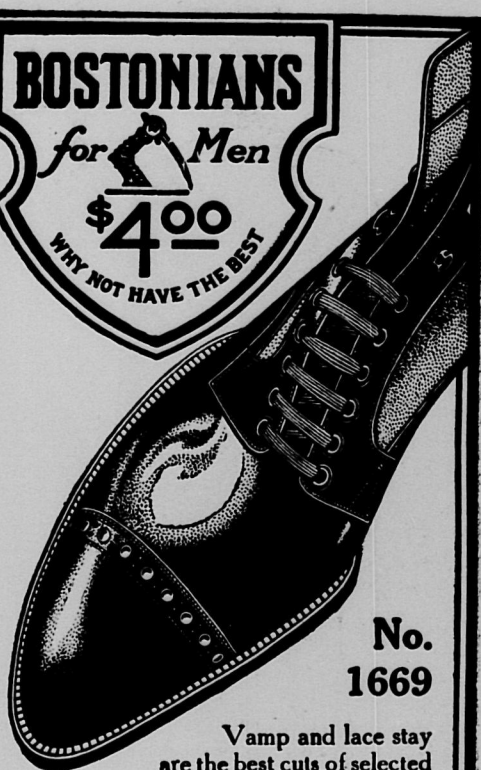
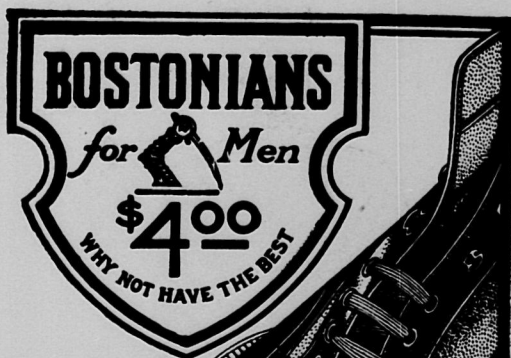
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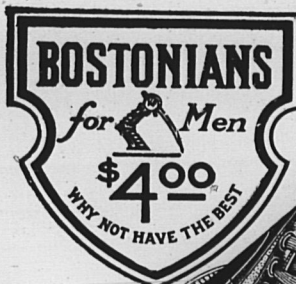
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